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#### **2012 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #86**

#### **Summer Announcement #76, Subdistrict 5-D Subsistence Fishing Schedule**

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The Eagle sonar cumulative passage estimate of approximately 31,000 Chinook salmon through August 8 is well below the historical average of 53,400 for this date. The preliminary projection at Eagle sonar for Chinook salmon passage is approximately 32,000 to 36,000. A passage of this size would be below the Interim Management Escapement Goal of 42,500 to 55,000 adopted by the joint US-Canada Yukon River Panel and would not provide for Canadian harvest share levels specified in the Treaty Agreement.

Based on the preliminary projection for Chinook salmon passage at Eagle sonar, unfortunately, restrictive measures are being continued in the middle and upper portions of Subdistrict 5-D in an effort to pass more Chinook salmon across the US/Canadian border for escapement.

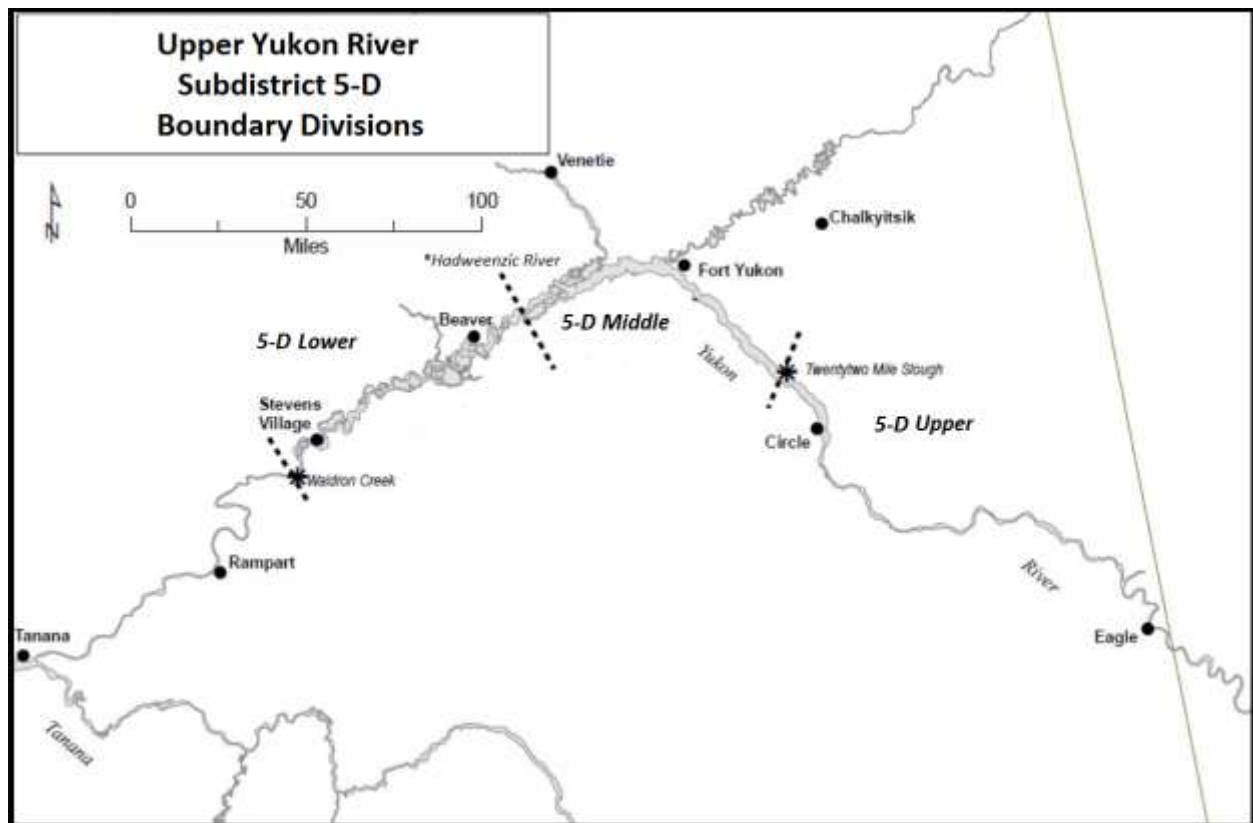
Based on fall chum timing, these restrictions will be eliminated effective 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 15 in the middle and upper portions of Subdistrict 5-D.

**Subdistrict 5-D Lower** (from an ADF&G regulatory marker 2 miles downstream of Waldron Creek upstream to the Hadweenzic River and including all adjacent tributaries): This area includes the communities of Stevens Village and Beaver. Subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistrict 5-D Lower is on the standard fishing schedule and is open 7 days a week, 24 hours per day.

**Subdistrict 5-D Middle** (from the Hadweenzic River to the upstream mouth of 22 Mile Slough and including all adjacent tributaries): This area includes the community of Fort Yukon. Subsistence salmon fishing is currently closed and will reopen at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 15 and remain open 24-hours per day, 7 days per week.

**Subdistrict 5-D Upper** (from the upstream mouth of 22 Mile Slough to the U.S./Canada border and including all adjacent tributaries): This area includes the communities of Circle, and Eagle. Subsistence salmon fishing is currently closed and will reopen at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 15 and remain open 24-hours per day, 7 days per week.

**Map 1: Division of Subdistrict 5-D**



During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fish wheels may not be operated and gillnets with a mesh size greater than four inches and a length greater than 60 feet must be removed from the water.

In District 5, fishermen may use gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or smaller during open subsistence salmon fishing periods.

Subsistence fishermen are reminded that a fishing permit is required to fish for all species in the portion of Subdistrict 5-C and 5-D from the western most tip of Garnet Island upstream to the

Dall River, and from the upstream mouth of 22-Mile Slough to the US/Canada Border. Subsistence fishermen outside of the permit area are encouraged to fill out their subsistence salmon catch calendars. Calendars are available from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Fairbanks.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates are available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387 (toll free outside of Fairbanks); in Fairbanks, call (907) 459-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Fairbanks ADF&G office at (907) 459-7274 or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks at (907) 455-1845.

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